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Applicants : Leslie Lobel and Joyce Lustbader

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Examiner: D. Jiang

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Group Art Unit: 1646

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EXTRACELLULAR DOMAIN OF A GONADOTROPIN RECEPTOR

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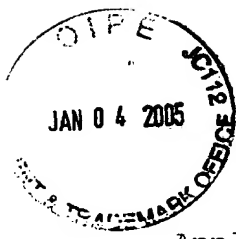
PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION AND PETITION
FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Preliminary Communication is being filed as a submission with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 1, 2004. However, the return receipt was dated October 4, 2004, making an Appeal Brief due December 4, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time for filing an Appeal Brief. The fee for a one-month extension is SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00). An Appeal Brief is now due January 4, 2005 and this Communication and RCE are being submitted in lieu thereof. A check for a total amount of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$455.00) is enclosed, which amount includes the \$60.00 extension fee and the \$395.00 RCE filing fee. Accordingly, this application is presently pending, and this Preliminary Communication and the accompanying RCE papers are being timely filed.

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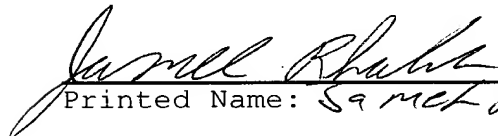
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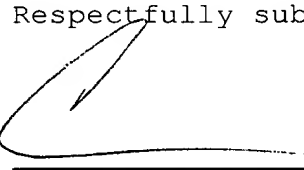
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